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Good luck on such way full of responsibilities!!!

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Freshmen Students ... Congratulations! You Joined the Big Family of Tbilisi State Medical University!

Beginning of a new academic year remains a special event for the Rector of Tbilisi State Medical University, Professor Zurab Vadachkoria. He welcomes the young people who are joining the big family of Tbilisi State Medical University in high spirits, filled with great joy and respect. Prof. Vadachkoria regards the Tbilisi State Medical University as an integral part of his life. He believes that this should be non-alternative reality for any universities and always is pleased to talk about the years spent within the University walls and that he became an unfailing carer of the University, was the logical consequence of the above-mentioned

- I was 16 years old when the most important thing happened in my life - I became a student of Tbilisi State Medical University (then Institute) that has completely determined my future life. 45 years have passed since then. Presently, I can clearly say that these 45 years have been the years of excitement, satisfaction, overcoming suspicion, constraints and bearing responsibility, the years of ending many projects as well as launching many processes of great importance for Tbilisi State Medical University ...

I believe that these 45 years - long as life and short as one breath - are the years strictly connected with the sense of my life: my profession and job at Tbilisi State Medical University indeed, is the meaning of my life, that's what I think.

- Do you remember the first day as a medical student at the university?

Surely, I remember. Note that then the celebration of the New Academic Year wasn't as extensive as it is now. We try to organize such a fest, the freshmen students to remember it throughout their whole lives. Then it was as if the typical first day of the University, but a great feeling of celebration came upon us. The fact that I overcame the highest barrier and became a student of a higher educational institution, the best one for me, was the basis for high mood. That's how we all thought. I even remember the first lecture - "Advanced Mathematics"...

- Mr. Zurab, then a 16-year-old boy, was there any authority inspiring you embark on your career in medicine?

- Yes, I had... I have never thought to become a doctor. I was in the 8th or 9th grade when my father needed maxillofacial surgery that was conducted by Prof. Mariam Grigalashvili. Since then Prof. Grigalashvili has become the great authority for me; and later my teacher as well; she was the Dean of the Faculty of Stomatology. As a person she was very moral and exemplary person. She even elaborated her own style of caring after students. She made a great contribution to the development of Tbilisi State Medical University. This is a happiness that she remains my first authority to this day!

- Today, as a Rector of the Tbilisi State Medical University and a very successful surgeon, what can you say to the freshmen students, what was the main driving force behind the rise?

- Apparently, the strong determination and the ability to overcome the obstacles play a big role in moving forward, and what about the driving force, I would say figuratively - to be a soldier of this university and ensure its further progress. It is a great honor and a great motivation as well. This is a hard task, very hard! The freshmen are aware of it as well. We used to distributing flyers at "Open Doors" Days and Exhibitions for several years, explaining the reasons "why one should not become a doctor" by TSMU Professor Kakha Chelidze. If that doesn't scare them off being the applicants and they are ready for lifelong learning and struggle, then our freshmen students have made the right choice. Now all depends on them.

- It is said that stress is an integral part of working in the medical field, consequently, have you ever thought to reject a practical activity (if so, how did you overcome this crisis)?

- Years' experience convinced me that

stress has always been accompanying medical practice. In my youth, stress was alike an uninvited visitor, however, over time I learned to live and deal with it. Today, I can say that the stress failed to make me reject a medical practice: it treated me shamelessly, made me fatigued, created difficulties but could not force me to abandon practical activities or change the way I think.

- I never thought about giving up medical practice, I can't imagine living without my profession or interacting with my little patients.

- There are several professions requiring lifestyle changes; and profession of a doctor among them...

- Yes, it really requires changing the lifestyle. The fact that today the students are given the mobility opportunities is of great importance. Let's say, you guessed that you didn't like it any more or it's not your profession and you can't change your lifestyle... You are given the chance to change the faculty, or university. If you stay, you should realize that you are not free, that your life is determined by your profession. When I was a teenager, I used to work on-call service for two clinics so, I did not belong to myself 10-15 days a month: either I was at home, or at the clinic, or on the road. There was no cellphone, you could not be engaged at will as you had to wait for the call anytime. Still - all the mentioned is worth to be a doctor. It is a great pleasure to feel a taste of sweet success, when you know you did well and everything will be fine ... I have the greatest respect for my profession. I am proud that doctors never gave up and never backed down in an array of extreme situations: during the 2008 war, the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict, Shida Kartli ... they were doing the impossible and I am proud of my colleagues!

- As for work in the academic field, it is an activity oriented on continuous growth and innovation, accompanied with complexities, but you feel a great joy and pride when you see the result. On the one hand, this is the result of the growth of professional staff, and on the other - the look and prestige of the university itself.

- I am especially delighted to talk on this theme. Behind each success is the hard work and dedication that each staff member of the university has made to contribute the desired outcome.

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I am proud that unified national entrance exam barrier for Georgian citizens is unprecedentedly high - 70% at Tbilisi State Medical University not only among the other medical schools of Georgia, but any higher education institution of any profile. As for the US MD Programme - barrier in English language is making up 80%.

It would not be an exaggeration to state that the best part of Georgian youth is studying at our University. We have set the barrier pretty high for several years now, so the society senses the high level of the graduates from the Tbilisi State Medical University.

According to the decision of the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME), from 2023, within the Euro-Atlantic space, will be recognized only a diploma issued by medical school, accredited by an agency, officially recognized by the WFME. On September 10, 2018, the Tbilisi State Medical University successfully passed the reauthorization process. Now we are preparing for taking important step of program accreditation. It is equally important that the continuous improvement of the material-technical base is ongoing process at TSMU.

The fact that the university has its own strong clinical bases (2 hospitals and 3 dental

clinics) ensures providing a basis for high quality teaching. In addition to these bases, many departments for clinical teaching are located in the different clinics. For example, in the 90s of the last century, Tbilisi State Medical University was oriented on the Western medicine (by the way, in 1996, TSMU was the first University launching English language-instructed program), but had limited opportunities and material-technical base. At that time we were trying to learn as much as we can, seeking assistance and support from different organizations.

We are now at a stage of development, not only from representatives of medical universities in the Post-Soviet countries, but sometimes from the EU countries to share experiences.

At present, we are in a developmental phase, when, not only the medical Universities of Post-Soviet countries but sometimes, the ones from the EU countries are coming to learn from us and share experiences.

- Being a member of the Tbilisi State Medical University is a great honour and a responsibility, it is a heavy burden but at the same time extremely desirable and enjoyable one. What would you say to freshmen about this burden and the responsibilities related?

Once and for all I realized that to be a student and post-graduate student of TSMU, as well as an Assistant, Associate Professor, Professor, Head of Department, Dean, Vice-Rector and Rector was a great honor for me. This is the way I have done. As for me I don't think the loading along this way was a burden. Conversely, serving my university - the first and foremost center of medical education in Georgia - is desirable and enjoyable!

I hope the first semester students will experience the same sense when they feel like one of us, i.e. the University family member. For me Tbilisi State Medical University is a "sacrosanct value"... As I have often said: you can be angry and offended with anyone, from a lab worker to a rector, but you should never resent the University. It, as a sacramental matter, should be passed on to the generations, the generations should be raised and educated as a symbol of professional excellence and integrity. I would like to address the freshmen students: this is your university as of today! You are lucky as you have joined a very special and great family.

- Finally, what do you think is the key message for people who are tomorrow's doctors, dentists, pharmacists, public health specialists, rehabilitators and nurses?

- I know I am addressing to the best part of the youth of Georgia, having become students thanks to their talents and selfless work. I am addressing to the youth who chose the most difficult professions that requires a lot of hard work. When you see a tired, sleepy young man in European university towns, he, for the most part, is a medical student. Along with the hard work there comes a great sense of happiness caused by victory in the struggle for human life and recovery. Nothing compares to this joy and honor. Do become highly competent professionals! Make any effort to do so. Ask for yourself and others. Be demanding on yourself and others. Do not be afraid of failures. Do not look for reason elsewhere, first you must look inside yourselves to find the cause. Respect your teachers, colleagues, learn and assimilate the principles of teamwork. Remember that prudence and moderation are always important in medical practice. Develop and refine your listening culture. Take the view of others into account, respect the differing opinion of one another but not at the expense of giving up your inner freedom. The path ahead is still quite long and arduous. You have a difficult way ahead, but big victories expect you! And the reward for your hard work is the unwavering happiness that comes with serving people, taking care of their health, saving their lives. And the reward for your hard work is indescribable happiness that accompanies serving people, saving their health and lives. Freshmen Students, accept my warmly congratulation! You are the students of Tbilisi State Medical University! Good luck on such way full of responsibilities!!!

Students' life



We hope you'll join us in improving healthcare for the 21st century

Dear Students,
Welcome to the Medical Faculty of Tbilisi State Medical University.

Our Medical school is the most outstanding educational centre not only in Georgia but in whole Caucasus region. It is a place of learning and education. Our primary mission is to train competent and fully-rounded physicians and medical researchers who will devote themselves to seeking the truth.

Studying at university is a real contrast to being a learner at school and one of the real challenges is organizing your work and activities. University is a very different environment to school, with unique opportunities and challenges. You can no longer rely on your parents and instead you must sort things for yourself. Prepare to be independent. The majority of your learning is done outside the classroom, and you're expected to locate information by yourself.

Medical students represent an extremely limited selection of people your age and they will tend to be both very capable and hard working. Studying medicine is very much a marathon, not a sprint. It is a 6 year course. Being a medical student puts you in a very privileged position, among the very top students across the country.

As a dean of the faculty, I am proud of what we have to offer. You have joined our community at a time when higher education is undergoing rapid and dramatic transfor-

mation. We live in an era when knowledge is growing in importance in addressing the world's most pressing problems. We live in an era when human genome discoveries reach the bedside, minimally invasive and robotic techniques revolutionize surgery. We can soon realize the promise of new stem cell therapies.

We see health care challenges ahead that will require far more creative, inter-disciplinary problem solving from physicians than ever before. To do the most good for the most people, physicians of the future will need the confidence and competence to fill multiple demanding roles.

Our students enjoy an atmosphere of collegiality with each other and with our highly qualified faculty and administrators, who provide a superb education as well as personal support. Faculty of Medicine of Tbilisi State Medical University is a great place to get an education in medicine and you are here because you deserve to be and because you can bring something new and exciting to this diverse learning community.

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So again welcome to Medical Faculty of the Tbilisi State Medical University.

Professor Tinatin Chicovani,
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine

The best wishes for your success. Congratulations!

It is my great pleasure to welcome first-year students and congratulate you on the beginning of a new, special stage in your life. You have chosen a dynamic and challenging health profession dedicated to improving and maintaining physical mobility, independence, health and well-being.

Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is the youngest and rapidly developing faculty of the TSMU. Modern rehabilitative medicine is a crucial component to effective health care, and like many disciplines within health care, is often a calling for the strongest professionalism and permanent knowledge update. You will study rehabilitation principles and programs, rehabilitation system and practices, current and developing rehabilitation technologies. Academic staff is committed to providing an education program that is well-grounded in the basic, social and clinical sciences in order to produce competent and compassionate clinicians who are skilled in the areas of critical thinking and inquiry, clinical problem-solving, making evidence-based clinical decisions; helping you develop the knowledge, skills and experience you need to effectively solve the strongest health problems during your professional career.

You will obtain research skills and will be involved into the students' research projects.

You will learn and work as part of a team. Health care, today, is more and more delivered

by teams of professionals from different disciplines working in collaboration to provide the best and safest care possible. You will be prepared to function competently and creatively as members of a multidisciplinary team of professionals in a dynamic health care environment.

TSMU administration constantly cares for equipment of clinical bases of the faculty according to the current standards. You will study in different departments of basic and clinical sciences, work in a variety of clinical settings of the university and affiliated with the university. Here all conditions for perfect academic process, as well as clinical and scientific activities are created. This is a best environment for further development and new achievements.

Faculty is closely connected with its partner universities in the USA. American colleagues are teaching on the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation faculty, as well as are involved in organization of seminars and international scientific conferences.

We expect you to grow not just in knowledge but also in compassion and commitment during your time here and to use these traits wisely in serving your profession and society.

I offer you all my best wishes for your success. Congratulations!

Professor Lela Maskhulia
Dean of the Faculty of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Department of International Relations

The Department of International Relations is one of the significant structural units of Tbilisi State Medical University, the main goal of which is to support the internationalization process at the University via development of international relations aiming to deliver the best medical education on a global scale.

English-instructed medical educational programs, offered by Tbilisi State Medical University have more than 20 years of history. Nowadays, more than 2400 students from 71 countries worldwide (India, Sri Lanka, Turkey, EU countries, the US, Canada, Israel, Germany, Nigeria, Iraq, Australia, Central America, etc.) are studying at TSMU.

TSMU Faculty of Medicine offers medical education in English for international students since 1996; Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation – since 2008, Faculty of Pharmacy – since 2013; since 2012 Russian-instructed programs for international students were launched at the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry. From 2017 English Medium program was launched at the Faculty of Dentistry.

Since 2018 on the basis of the Faculty of Medicine the "International Faculty of Medicine" running the Russian and English medium programmes was established at the Tbilisi State Medical University.

In 2012, Joint International Bachelor's Program in "Public Health and Management" with UniMan Academy of Management and Performance (France) was introduced by the TSMU Faculty of

Public Health. Upon completion of the program a dual diploma - Georgian and French will be issued that gives the alumni more opportunities for employment in the labor market and to proceed with continuous medical education that makes the program attractive. Since 2015, due to the efforts made by Tbilisi State Medical University and UniMan "Academy of International Management and Performance" (France) joint International Master's Program in "Public Health Management and Health Policy" was developed and launched at TSMU Faculty of Public Health.

In 2013 the USMD Program, a joint project, which has been developed and implemented with the cooperation of the Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU) and Emory University (Atlanta, U.S.) School of Medicine (ESOM) was established.

In 2015, according to the agreement signed between Tyrol Hospitals Union - the Western Education Centre (AZW), Georgian-Austrian Bachelor of Nursing Programme allowing TSMU nurses to be trained and gain international experience in the Clinics of Austria.

TSMU is a full member of the following international organizations and associations

- EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION (EUA)
- MAGNA CHARTA UNIVERSITATUM



- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EDUCATION (AMEE)
- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS (IAUP)
- EUROPEAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (EMSA)
- INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS (IFMSA)
- INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC-EDUCATIONAL INNOVATIVE-TECHNOLOGICAL CONSORTIUM OF HIGHER MEDICAL AND INSTITUTIONS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

TSMU closely collaborates with:

- WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)
- WORLD FEDERATION FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION (WFME)
- EDUCATIONAL COM-

MISSION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES (ECFMG)

• ACADEMIC UNION OXFORD

• GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DAAD)

• UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

• UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA)

• INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS, GASTROENTEROLOGISTS & ONCOLOGISTS (IASGO)

• AMERICAN AUSTRIAN FOUNDATION/OPEN MEDICAL INSTITUTE (AAF/OMI)

• CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

• ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE EUROPEAN REGION (ASPHER)

At present, TSMU is the partner of more than 120 universities and University Clinics from 40 countries worldwide; collaboration with them is regulated on the basis of bilateral agreements and / or joint international projects (ERASMUS+, MEVLANA, HORIZON). Within the frames of the programs, every year more than 300 students, academic and administrative staff of TSMU participates in short- or long-term mobility programs at undergraduate, master and doctoral

levels mobility (one semester or more).

Tbilisi State Medical University is on the list of the international directories of WHO, which allows the graduates to be employed in any country after passing the Licensing Examination / screening test (USMLE, PLAB, YOK, etc.).

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It should be emphasized that in 2019 the International Networking Center (in Georgia) of International Association for Medical Education (AMEE) was founded at Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU). This is a third center in the World. It is one of the most important events on the way to integration to European Higher Education Area and the second opportunity for Georgia to become a Regional International Hub in Medical Education.

The modern educational programmes, highly qualified academic staff, effective management and internationalization processes at the University, modern scientific-research infrastructure - all these conditions determine increasing ranking and visibility of Tbilisi State Medical University.

Tinatin Kilasonia, MD, PhD,
Head of department of International Relations

Life in TSMU



Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance to the American MD program of TSMU

Tbilisi State Medical University has always been a pioneer of innovation and success. American MD Program, established in collaboration with Emory University School of Medicine was launched in 2013-2014 academic year under the department of medicine at Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU).

Based on Emory University School of Medicine Curriculum, entire education process of American MD Program is conducted in English. Emory University professors along with their colleagues from TSMU are actively involved in planning, implementation and quality management of the United States medical education model in Georgia.

Drs. Gordon Churchward, Mary Jo Lechowicz, Joel Felner and many others regularly visit TSMU and conduct lectures and grand rounds for students and faculty of the American MD Program, as well as work on faculty development and program monitoring. Faculty and administration of the program from the TSMU also regularly visits Emory University School of Medicine to observe methodology of American Medical Education on site. Such collaboration and exchange of the professors and personnel between two institutions makes implementation and execution of new methodologies smoother and more efficient.

As it is well known, American MD Program provides students with the opportunity to prepare and pass US Medical Licensing Examinations before graduation. It also offers opportunities to participate in clinical trainings at Emory in Atlanta,



celebrated the first graduation ceremony of American MD Program Class of 2019 at Tbilisi State Medical University. Graduation day was congratulated by TSMU professors, administration, Emory University Professors, parents of graduates, fellow students and the special guest - United States National Basketball Association's two-time champion, Zaza Pachulia. At the graduation ceremony US MD Program students were hooded and given diplomas by the special guest, commencement speaker of the ceremony Zaza Pachulia along with Professor Zurab Vadachkoria, the Rector of Tbilisi State Medical University. From the first admission of American MD Program we have got seven graduates: Nodar Maisuradze, Ketevan Obolashvili, Sopiko Gigolashvili, Mounien Sonya, Nikoloz Bostashvili, Tamar Tamarashvili, Fethi Onal. On behalf of Tbilisi State Medical University, American MD Program and Emory University School of Medicine, we wish a great success to our program graduates!

It is our pleasure to open American MD Program doors and welcome the new class of 2025.

Welcoming events for the incoming class are always filled with joy and celebration. Traditional event, marking students' transition from high school to medical society is highlighted with White Coat Ceremony. During the ceremony Rector of the Tbilisi State Medical University, professor Zurab Vadachkoria, His Excellency Ambassador of The United States, other faculty and administrative personnel of TSMU, professors from Emory university other distinguished guests will put

covery phase opportunities with the world's leading research centres, such as Walter Reed Army Research Unit Georgia at the Lugar Laboratory in Tbilisi is one of the exciting highlights of the program.

Education Model of the American MD Program includes

complete integration of basic, preclinical and clinical subjects. This type of education has many benefits: basic knowledge is enriched with clinical aspects and basic subjects are taught in combination with clinical disciplines which eases clinical correlation of different disciplines associated with individual organ systems. Significant feature of integrated curriculum is active demonstration of clinical cases (patient, simulated patient or clinical history), which helps students master clinical skills. The modern teaching methodologies of the program include but are not limited to problem solving, evidence based medicine, case presentation and participation in various interdisciplinary team work activities.

Along with the foundation subjects of medicine, significant accent is made on humanities, such as social-cultural and medical anthropology, history of civilization, history of art, philosophy, psychology, world literature, etc. Such curriculum enriches students' general education and assures successful communication skills with the future patients, colleagues and society in general.

Course called 'Becoming a Doctor' starts in the beginning of the first semester and follows the curriculum throughout 6 years. Aiming at development of basic clinical and behavioural skills, such as bedside manners, history taking, clinical examination, etc. 'Becoming a Doctor' Course prepares students for medical profession.

The working group 'Curriculum Committee', which includes professors as well as students of the American MD Program, is changed with identification, discussion and solution of the strengths, challenges, and opportunities as well as students and faculty affairs and is a firsthand gatekeeper for the quality of the program.

'Summer at Emory' and 'Winter at Emory' - 3 week certificate program at Emory university is a course specially designed for the students of the American MD Program. The Course introduces participants to US Medical education, Health care System and Medical services. Highlight of this program is an opportunity to experience clinical activities at the bedside of the patient with the peer students and residents from Emory University School of Medicine.

Every year nearly 40 students of American MD Program attend 'Summer at Emory' and 'Winter at Emory' Programs in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Program was first introduced in August 2013 and repeats twice a year since, thus, became a tradition for the second year students.

We are proud to inform you that on June 7th, 2019 we cel-



Georgia, USA and qualify for the medical residency programs in the United States of America.

English language curriculum and the structure along with strong clinical practice, facilities and equips students with the skills and knowledge to pass USMLE step 1, Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS before graduation.

First group of our students, have already taken USMLE Step 1 during their fourth year and passed it with flying success. Some of them has already passed USMLE Step 2 CK and CS too. This makes us, equally happy and proud for their success.

Program provides various professional opportunities, such as workshops, clinical observerships, summer certificate programs at Emory University, etc. Clinical Research externship and dis-



white coats on new students as a symbol of their entrance in to Medical profession.

Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance to the American MD program of TSMU. Only the highest professionalism, and best practice is expected from the doctors and we are glad to see the motivation and determination of each of you to achieve the best in your profession.

We are thrilled that you will be joining our family!

**Archil Undilashvili, MD MPH MBA MHA
FACP**

**Head of US MD Program
Director of Educational Programs Emory University
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